

HOUSE BILL 7089

By Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to mental
health of a detainee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

If an officer authorized to make arrests in this state, during the course of any
stop, search, or detainment, encounters a person who the officer has reason to believe
may be subject to detention under §§ 33-6-401 and 33-6-402, then the officer shall take
the person into custody without a civil order or warrant for immediate examination under
§ 33-6-404 for certification of need for care and treatment prior to initiating an arrest or
charge against the person.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.